

14 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the In-exfiltration Panel, 9 November 1960

1. The In-exfiltration Panel met in Room 2004 L Bldg. at 1030 hours on 9 November 1960. Present were:

[Redacted]	CA, Chairman	50X1
	Member	
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	Guest	
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[Redacted]	Guest	
[Redacted]	TSD, Guest	50X1
[Redacted]	TSD, Guest	
[Redacted]	Secretary, IRB	50X1

2. The Chairman reported that the IRB withheld approval of Requirement I-5, [Redacted], pending a finding by TSD on what has or is being developed by the military on such a system. 50X1

3. In response to the panel request at the 16 September meeting, the Chairman reported on his discussions with TSD on the proposed requirements for a moisture condenser and a heating device for heating food under survival conditions. Personnel of TSD were briefed on the background of both proposals including the panel discussions on both proposals. Copies of the proposed requirements were transmitted to TSD. TSD is to study the proposals and report their views on the feasibility of these requirements.

4. A brief summary of the remarks appearing on the questionnaires completed by members of the Special Forces who tested the survival rations was read to the Panel. Generally these remarks expressed dissatisfaction with the rations, however, it must be kept in mind that the survival rations will never be as satisfactory as regular meals. This summary is available to any member of the Panel who desires to study it. The Special Forces have agreed to test the rations again in January. The Chairman is checking on an article appearing in the New York Times which reported that Special Forces had tested a Civil Defense ration. The article stated that the total weight of the ration consumed by each man during the test period was only 4½ pounds.

5. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the topic of "Drop Zone Beacons."

a. [] reported that he had noted in a dispatch from [] were having difficulty getting any range with their beacons due to the high, dense forests found in that area. He presented an idea of a simple device that he believed could be used to raise the beacon antenna above the tree height in order to extend the operational range of the beacon. Before doing any developmental work on such a device, he would like to know if there existed an operational need for such a device. After some discussion, there appeared to be conflicting views on the need for such a device. The Chairman stated he would check further on the operational need and inform Mr. Alden if such a requirement existed.

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b. [] presented the history and background for a requirement for the development of a drop zone beacon for wartime operations with the Military Services or under tripartite agreements. As far as he knew, no progress has been reported on this development. The other members of the tripartite agreements have been asking what is being done to provide a suitable beacon. A check of the requirements disclosed that I-3 refers indirectly to such a requirement, but that no valid requirement is in being.

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[] will prepare a draft requirement for the panel to meet this situation. The remainder of the time was spent on a general discussion on beacon developments.

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In-exfiltration Panel

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